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May 27, 2009

President Lisa Borders and
Members of the Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Atlanta Sister Cities Commission Appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is my pleasure to appoint **Teri Simmons** to serve on the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission on behalf of the City of Atlanta. Ms. Simmons is a resident of Atlanta and is willing to serve in this capacity. This appointment is for a term of 3 years, to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am confident that Teri Simmons will serve the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission with integrity and dedication. A copy of her resume' is attached for your review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley Franklin".

Shirley Franklin

Cole, Arthur

From: Simmons, Teri A. [Teri.Simmons@AGG.com]
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Hi Arthur!

Thanks so much for your interest in Sister Cities and the Commission! I really appreciate it.

Amanda formally resigned from the Commission awhile back. I will give a new appointment some thought.

I am attaching my resume from Arnall Golden Gregory. If you need me to reformat in any way, or provide additional information, please let me know.

My residence address is 2872 N. Hills Drive, Atlanta Ga., 30305. I am a native of Atlanta, having been born in the City at Piedmont Hospital.

My office address is below, also in the city of Atlanta.

I will be out of town the first week of June but will otherwise be here through the end of May and most of June.

I look forward to seeing you again - have a great long weekend!

Best regards!

Teri

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Areas of Practice

International Corporate, with particular emphasis on Immigration law

Teri A. Simmons is a Partner with AGG, where she directs the international and immigration practice groups. Professionals in her department focus on the representation of foreign owned business entities and individuals investing in the US in the areas of Corporate, Tax, Real Estate and Employment Law as well as Immigration matters. Immigration professionals manage both immigrant and non-immigrant visa processing for businesses and families (temporary work visas and green cards), immigration consequences of mergers and acquisitions and immigration reform and control act compliance. AGG offers professionals fluent in spoken and written German, Cantonese and Mandarin, French, Russian, Hebrew and Spanish.

Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Simmons has been practicing law since 1989, having specialized in immigration and employment law. She has represented companies as large as the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, for which she managed visa processing for thousands. From 1999 to 2001, she served as Chair of the Atlanta Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA"). She has also served on the national board of AILA, filling positions including National Director of AILA Chair Education and Director of Mentor Programs. Currently, she is a member of the National Liaison Committee for Customs and Border Patrol. Ms. Simmons has spoken as an expert on immigration matters both in the United States and abroad for AILA, state bar associations and for the United States Department of State. She has been quoted frequently in the Atlanta Journal Constitution, the Fulton County Daily Report, the Atlantic Times, the Handelsblatt, and in Inc. Magazine. From 2004 onwards, Ms. Simmons has been named a "Georgia Super Lawyer" every year by Atlanta Magazine. In 2007, Atlanta Magazine named her as one of the top 50 female lawyers in Georgia. Chambers International, Americas Leading Lawyers for Business[®] has included her for her expertise in Immigration Law for the past 3 years. She has also been included in Best Lawyers in America for her expertise in Immigration.

The American Jewish Committee also provided Ms. Simmons with a Project Interchange Scholarship for Georgia Leaders for study in Israel in 2008. She won the Leads Contest of the Metropolitan Atlanta Chamber of Commerce for producing the most leads for new Georgia business. Ms. Simmons received the Federal Republic of Germany Friendship Award in the International Prize of Honor from the City of Nürnberg in December 2008.

Professional Activities

- Chair of the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission
- Atlanta Council of International Relations
- Board Member of the German American Chamber of Commerce for the Southeastern United States,
- Member, Board, German School of Atlanta
- Global Council of the Metropolitan Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

Education

- J.D., University of Georgia, 1989
- University of Tübingen, 1985-1986, Post-Graduate Studies
- M.A., University of Virginia, 1985, German Studies
- B.A., Furman University, 1983, Mathematics and German

Admitted to Practice

State of Georgia, 1989

Publications

- **"Bringing The German Ways To Law"**, December 1, 2008, *Atlanta Woman Magazine*
- **"U.S. Changes to the Visa Waiver Program"**, September 2008, *German American Trade Magazine*
- **"Chinese Cities seek Atlanta as 'Sister'"**, July 2008, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*
- **"Goethe Radio"** Radio Interview regarding the Nürnberg/Atlanta Partnership and its 10 year anniversary
- **"Broom and Shovel Brigade: Cleaning up Immigration Messes in M&A Transactions before they occur"** Teri A. Simmons, David Grunblatt and Angelo A. Paparelli, *Immigration Briefings*, June 2005
- **"Change in Nonimmigrant Visa Status"** American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference Publication, 2001/2002
- **"B -1 Business Visitors"**, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference Publication, 2005/2006
- **"B -1 Business Visitors"**, American Immigration Lawyers Association Annual Conference Publication, 2006/2007
- **"Tax and Business Considerations in the Selection of a Business Entity for Foreign Nationals"**, Teri A. Simmons and Stephen E. Parker, 1996/1997
- **"O-1 Extraordinary ability nonimmigrant's & their O-2 Support Personnel"** Teri A. Simmons and Scott Titshaw, Florida Bar Conference Publication, 2002
- **"Die wesentlichen arbeitsrechtlichen Risiken, die aufstrebenden Unternehmen von heute und morgen entgegenstehen"** Henry M. Perkowski and Teri A. Simmons.
- **"Aufenthalt und Einwanderung in die USA für ausländische Staatsbürger"** Teri A. Simmons and Wilhelm J. Ziegler; Published in Rudolf Haufe Verlag, 2003
- **"Einführung in das Einwanderungsrecht der U.S.A."** Teri A. Simmons and Wilhelm J. Ziegler
- **"Immigration Act of 1990 – Immigrant Investor Visas"** Teri A. Simmons, John Gornall and Rich Kaye

Speeches

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| April 2009 | Southeastern Automotive Supplier Forum at the IHK Hannover - "Visa and Employment Law in the U.S. - Important things to know, hurdles and recommendations" | |
| March 2009 | Chamber of Bavarian Industry presentation of US Immigration Law with U.S. Department of State Representatives from the U.S. Consulate, Frankfurt | |
| January 2009 | American Immigration Lawyers Association Midyear Conference - Recent Adjudicatory Trends in Business Immigration | |
| December 2008 | New Orleans, LA AILA Conference - Non-Immigrant Visas: Workshop O-1 | |
| November 2008 | Stuttgart, Germany GlobalConnect – Roundtable Discussion on "USA nach der Wahl-Auswirkungen auf den deutsch-amerikanischen Handel" | |
| Sep 2008 | <i>Wirtschaftsseminare</i> | <i>Frankfurt: U.S. Recht in der Geschäftspraxis</i> |
| | 16th Annual State Bar of Georgia Diversity Program | Speeches on U.S. Immigration and Employment Law Roundtable Discussion on "Recent Developments In Immigration" |

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| June 2008 | AILA Annual Conference, Vancouver | In the Trenches with Intracompany Transferees – “L-1A Managers of Projects, Functions” |
| March 2008 | American Jewish Committee, Oglethorpe University | “Current Federal Immigration Policy and its Affects on the Indo-Jewish Community” |
| December 2007 | Department of State, MACOC | “A Discussion on U.S. Visas for Business” |
| May 2007 | <i>The Atlanta Journal Constitution</i> | “Immigration Fight Moves to Workplace” |
| June 2006 | American Immigration Lawyers Association, San Antonio, Texas | “Business Law Basics for Immigration Lawyers” |
| May 2006 | International Chamber of Commerce, Hannover, Germany | Immigration Reform and its Affect on German Investment in the US and the International Movement of Personnel |
| | Society for Human Resources Management, Atlanta Global | “Immigration Reform and its Affect on Business” |
| April 2006 | Global City, Atlanta | TV Interview on “Economic Development in Atlanta through International Partnership” |

Languages

Ms. Simmons is fluent in written and spoken German.

Community Activities

- Chair, Atlanta Sister Cities Commission
- Past President, Georgia Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
- Past Chair, Atlanta Chapter, American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Member, Board of Directors, German School of Atlanta, Inc., General Counsel
- Member, Lawyers Club of Atlanta
- Member, *Who's Who Legal*: Georgia's leading business lawyers, Corporate Immigration Chapter
- Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, Honors Edition, 2008-2009
- Member, Board of Directors, German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southeastern United States
- International Law Section, State Bar of Georgia
- Member, AlabamaGermany Partnership, 2008
- Selection, "Georgia Super Lawyers", *Atlanta Magazine*, 2004 –present
- Selection, "Top 50 Female Georgia Super Lawyers," *Atlanta Magazine*, 2008
- Selection, "Leading Business Lawyers in America," *Chambers USA*, 2005-2008
- Selection, "Best Lawyers in America", *BestLawyers.com*, 2008